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## A CORRECTION

Last week, under the caption "City Management," The Record said two hundred dollars would be expended under direction of the city commission. It should have read two hundred thousand dollars.

## KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

For centuries the people of the world have been struggling with the problem of government. From earliest times, some sort of government appeared to be absolutely essential wherever men attempted to live in groups. Two distinct ideals gradually evolved through the various experiments tried: one, the ideal of autocracy, or the rule of the many by the few; and the other, its opposite, democracy, "the government of the people, by the people, for the people."

At first autocracy seemed to have almost absolute sway over the civilized world, but as time went on a gradual limiting of the powers of the monarchs was brought about, which allowed democratic principles to gain more and more of an ascendancy. Every country on the face of the globe has had its own governmental problems to face and solve, some in one way and some in another.

England retained her king, remaining true to time-honored tradition in that regard, but so limiting the powers of her monarch from time to time that he has become virtually a figure-head, king in name only, since the real governing power is vested in prime minister and Parliament. France by bloody revolution destroyed monarchy and built upon the ruins of the old regime a new and more democratic form of government with a president at the head.

America, the new country, coming late into the arena of nations, profited by the mistakes and experiments of Europe, and worked out a constitution for herself, based upon the best and most successful features of English government, but doing away with king and nobility and all they implied. This remarkable document has withstood all the tests of time, has proven itself elastic enough to meet all the rapidly changing conditions brought about by the unprecedented expansion of territory and the social, economic, and industrial development of the country. This constitution was not the exclusive work of the men who framed it but the adaptation by them of those principles which had proved most lasting and satisfactory in democratic government. America tried a great and for sometime a doubtful experiment which has proved so successful that the democratic principles fostered here have spread throughout the civilized world, and Europe in turn has come to learn from America.

The curtailment of the powers of kings in European countries could not be made but by struggle and effort, for kings in general have been loathe to lay aside authority, even if the good of the people demanded it. Occasionally, however, we find a king, big enough and noble enough to place love of country ahead of love of authority or love of self. Such a king, we have today upon our own shores, Albert, of Belgium, who has honored us with a visit which is to include a tour of our great country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Several years ago, while still crown prince, he made another visit to this country. He came upon that occasion for the purpose of studying our industrial and governmental institutions that he might learn as much as possible of us, of those principles which would fit him for the position which he seemed destined to occupy later and which he now fills. How well he profited by what he observed here, how well the democratic spirit which he must have felt, has been fostered in the minds of his own people was made manifest when Germany demanded by ultimatum, unrestricted right of way across Belgian territory to invade France. When that ultimatum was delivered to King Albert, he recognized it as a great menace to democracy in general. So he placed himself at the head of his troops, and, though forced to give over his capital city to the invading Hun, and to see his beloved people compelled to undergo all sorts of hardships and indignities, many even to the giving up of life itself, he succeeded in throwing such a barrier in the path of the invader that France had time to mobilize and stop the on-rushing hordes before Paris was sacrificed.

The world has never witnessed a more heroic deed than that performed by the Belgian troops, led by their king, and backed by the democratic self-sacrificing spirit of her people. Belgium is proud of her king, she loves her king, and well she may, for he stands as an exponent of a new era in kingship, not autocratic but democratic, with all that the name implies going hand in hand with old traditions of royalty.

We are glad and proud to welcome to America King Albert of Belgium and his loyal wife, because we feel that the world in general owes to Belgium and her king a great debt of gratitude which it can never repay. We are also glad to welcome him as a man, as well as king, who places love of country above love of self, and love of democratic principles even above love of country, and stands before the world today as a benefactor and an example of the sort of manhood and of kingship which democracy alone can produce.

It is a law of nature that "Every thing that goes up must come down." If that is so, the cost of living must be the one exception that proves the rule, or else "Dame Nature" is so busy with the League of Nations that she hasn't time to monkey with such common and mundane things as the cost of living. There is a hitch in the proceedings somewhere.

Whether or not Alma is a nice, clean, wholesome city, with attractive stores, good housing conditions, high ideals and right morals, depends entirely upon the citizens of Alma. Those are matters that we control both individually and collectively. Every man should do his part. The natural advantages for an ideal city are here, we must do the rest.

Going to church, staying at home, going fishing, or hunting on Sunday, are all matters of habit very largely, but if God is the Giver of all that we have, even to life itself, we see no good reason why a man should not give a couple of hours per week to meditating on the goodness of the Giver of so many gifts, sure enough, why not?

If one is out looking for misery, he can always find it. If he is looking for sunshine and interesting experiences he finds them also. It is a fact that the whole question of a man's happiness or misery resolves itself, in the last analysis, to his attitude of mind toward life and life's experiences.

Someone has said, "Every man is the architect of his own fortunes." That may be so, but there are a whole lot of fellows who seem to have lost the blue prints and mislaid the specifications, if we may be permitted to judge anything by the structure.

There is an old adage which reads, "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you." A good complement to that saying might read as follows: "Never worry a worry because worrying is a useless waste of energy that gets one nowhere."

Did you ever keep track of your own operations for a day and see how much lost motion there is in your proceedings? Lost motion is wasted energy that could be turned to good account if directed.

The man who tries to do business on bunk is a plain bonehead.

## MANY ATTEND

Churches Well Crowded at Services on Go to Church Sunday.

That the "go to church" movement had a good effect in Alma was very much in evidence from the number of people who attended worship Sunday at each of the Alma churches, there being a far larger attendance than has usually been the case.

The sermons prepared by the pastors for Sunday were of a highly interesting nature, and attracted good attention of the large audiences, and it is certain that many of those who attended worship Sunday under the plea of the go to church movement, will attend again this coming Sunday, and as a result much real good is certain to result from the movement this year.

Most of the pastors of the city are endeavoring to bring present day problems up for discussion, and creating an additional interest in the services through the medium of these matters which are vital to the moral and social betterment of the community and state, and without a doubt in this connection the go to church movement is certain to have a lasting effect, even though it may be so indirect as to not be traceable with the greatest of ease.

This is only the first of several united efforts that the members of the Federation of Churches are thinking of co-operating in. Altho final action has not yet been taken, it is proposed by the committee that has the matter in charge, that Alma have a city wide week of prayer in January and a city wide evangelistic campaign in April. Both would be conducted by the pastors of the local churches. Such plans have proven of great value in other places and it is felt that they will prove equally successful in Alma.

## HOPE NEXT

Dutchmen Will Meet Maroon and Cream on Local Field Next.

The Hope college football team will meet the Presbyterians on Davis field Saturday, October 18, and a hard game is being expected by Coach Wood's eleven, as the Dutchmen have a strong aggregation this year and are being placed among the strongest football aggregations in the state.

Alma fans who know of the strength of Kalamazoo college will be surprised, no doubt, to learn that last year the Hopeites defeated the Kalamazoo team on the Kalamazoo field, and if nothing else would mark a team as being strong this would. It is reported that Hope has most of her last year's eleven back this season.

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—in—

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also Triangle Keystone comedy

SATURDAY

Wm. S. Hart

—in—

"The Silent Man"

(Return showing) also Harold Lloyd comedy

SUNDAY

Marguerite Clark

—in—

"Girls"

This is one of Clyde Fitch's most successful plays, and is considered Miss Clark's best picture. also James Montgomery Flagg comedy

MONDAY

Vivian Martin

—in—

"An Innocent Adventuress" also Billy West comedy

TUESDAY

Norma Talmadge

—in—

"The New Moon"

This is exceptionally fine also Big-V comedy

WEDNESDAY

Pauline Frederick

—in—

"The Fear Woman"

also Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Haven in "Their Day of Rest"

THURSDAY

Bert Lytell

—in—

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Today, the man about to buy new clothes has only two choices: Either he must pay a fair price for a good article at a reliable store or suffer the after-effects of an unsound bargain that is as unsafe an investment as dabbled in a salted gold mine.

SPEAKING STRICTLY FOR OURSELVES AND IN GUIDANCE OF OUR CUSTOMERS we want to go on record by saying that this institution will continue to be the home of QUALITY and VALUE and that now or in the future there is or will be NO DANGER of our deserting those high standards of woollens and workmanship that the people of Alma and vicinity look to us to uphold.

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